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Col. Robert Ball

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Col. Robert L. Ball assumed command of the St. Paul District on July 27, 2001, becoming the district's 59th commander and district engineer. Prior to assuming this command, he served as the deputy chief of staff, engineer, for U.S. Army South in Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

Col. Ball was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded a bachelor of science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1977. Col. Ball also holds a masters degree in engineering from the University of Virginia and a masters degree in strategic studies from the Air University. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Fort Belvoir, Va., 1977 and 1981; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 1990; the U.S. Air Force War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 1999; and Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga., 1975.

Col. Ball has served in a variety of engineer command and staff positions. He served as a platoon leader in the 46th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) and then as the aid-de-camp to the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center. Company command and duties as the adjutant of the 3rd Engineer Battalion, 24th Infantry Division followed the advanced course. Col. Ball served as an assistant professor in the department of mathematics, United States Military Academy, after graduate school. He served as the director of engineering and housing, Grafenwoehr Training Area, and then became the executive officer of the 409th Base Support Battalion at that post. Upon his return from Germany, he was assigned as officer-in-charge of the Resident Training Detachment attached to the 111th Engineer Group, W. Va. Army National Guard. Col. Ball commanded the 19th Engineer Battalion at Fort Knox, Ky., before he was assigned as the deputy commander of the Louisville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the West Virginia Legion of Merit and the Parachutist Badge.